

A RESOLUTION to call a joint convention of the House of Representatives and Senate for the purpose of recognizing and celebrating the one hundredth year of women in state legislatures.

WHEREAS, the year 1995 marks the 100th year of women in state legislatures in our great nation; and

WHEREAS, in January, 1895 the first three women were sworn in to serve as state legislators, even before women were afforded the universal right to vote; and

WHEREAS, for one hundred years, women have served our state legislatures diligently and enthusiastically, offering their knowledge, expertise, and wise leadership to our states and communities; and

WHEREAS, upon this anniversary, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should pay tribute to all of the women legislators across our nation, as they have been true pioneers and reserved their own place in our history; and

WHEREAS, we should join the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc. in celebrating this centennial and help to elevate public awareness of the roles women have played in state history; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body hereby extend their sincerest appreciation to the women legislators, present and former, who have served our Volunteer State unselfishly and unreservedly; and

WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, would like to congratulate the following: Mrs. Jerry "Tommye" Agee; Mary M. Anderson; Martha H. Ashe; Mae Beavers; Sharon Joyce Bell; Kathryn I. Bowers; Henri E. Brooks; Dr. Dorothy L. Brown;

Tommie F. Brown; Wilma Harrison Brown; Jan Sullivan Bushing; Stephanie H. Chivers; Carol J. Chumney; Sandra Clark; Norma J. Crow; Anne M. Davis; Betty Coulter Davis; Lois M. DeBerry; Francis Doyle; Maria Peroulas Draper; Shirley Powell Duer; Mary Ann Eckles; Gwen Fleming; Sarah Ruth Frazier; Pamela A. Gaia; Marion Griffin; Thelma Harper; Beth Halteman Harwell; Joyce Barnett Hassell; Mabel W. Hughes; Sherry Stoner Jones; Peggy Steed Knight; Edith Taylor Langster; Mildred Louella Lashlee; Joan Lowe; Kim McMillan; Lizzie Lea Miller; Ruth C. Montgomery; Anna Belle Clement O'Brien; Ruth Webb Odell; Mae Stamey Owenby; Dana E. (Moore) Patterson; Mary J. Pruitt; Carol Rice; Ruth M. Robinson; Mrs. C. Frank Scott; Mary Merrill Shadow; Katherine Chesney Shook; Joan F. Strong; Maude Tucker Taylor; Edna Tullos; Brenda K. Turner; Karen R. Williams; Robbie Wolfe; and Ann Lee Worley; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the House of Representatives and Senate meet in joint convention in the chamber of the house of representatives on Monday, April 17, 1995, at 5:30 p.m. (CST) for the purpose of recognizing the 100th Year Celebration of Women in State Legislatures and the many contributions of women serving this Tennessee General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause deleted, including a copy to be sent to the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc.